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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD

Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 2001/19 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo", the Commission on Human Rights requested the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and a member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances to carry out, as soon as security considerations permit and, where appropriate, in cooperation with the National Commission of Inquiry to investigate alleged human rights violations and breaches of international humanitarian law in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire) between 1996 and 1997, a joint mission to investigate all massacres carried out on the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including those in the province of South Kivu and other atrocities referred to in the most recent and in previous reports of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with a view to bringing to justice those responsible, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session and to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session.

2. In view of her late appointment on 28 November 2001, the new Special Rapporteur, Iulia Antoanella Motoc, will not be able to submit to the Commission the written report it requested. She will, nevertheless, discuss the matter with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and a member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances with a view to giving an update on the situation of the joint mission at the time of the oral presentation of her report to the Commission on Human Rights.

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